



*Office of the United States Attorney  
District of Arizona*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
Wednesday, February 4, 2009

For Information Contact Public Affairs  
SANDRA RAYNOR  
Telephone: (602) 514-7625

## **NORTHERN ARIZ. MAN SENTENCED TO 40 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR ASSAULT**

PHOENIX – Nelson Wesley, 23, of Houck, Ariz. was sentenced on February 2, 2009 by U.S. District Judge Stephen M. McNamee to 40 months in federal prison to be followed by three years of supervised release. Wesley pleaded guilty on October 21, 2008 to assaulting his mother with a meat cleaver on the Navajo Nation in May 2007.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Navajo Police Department, the Navajo Department of Criminal Investigation, the Arizona Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Gallup, New Mexico. The prosecution was handled by Heather H. Nelson, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

CASE NUMBER: CR-07-00695-001-PCT-SMM  
RELEASE NUMBER: 2009-228(Wesley)

###

For more information on the U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Arizona, visit <http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/az/>